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Title:	SURGICAL TOOL FOR USE IN EXPANDING A CANNULAE		

**AMENDMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH 37 CFR §1.111 RESPONSE**

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action of the Examiner mailed April 15, 2008, with a shortened statutory period set to expire on July 15, 2008. Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers, if appropriate. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0413.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.